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FROM THE

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(*Illustrated*).

An interesting, amusing and instructive Book of life, in the Canadian far West—on the Pacific Coast, with 8 full page illustrations.

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Bright and Breezy.

Irish Farm and Field.—Mr. Fisher Unwin in publishing the volume now before us, has added to the literature of the day, a most interesting account of "CANADIAN CAMP LIFE," as seen by Frances E. Herring. The book is bright and breezy right through, the atmosphere of the Dominion permeating every page, and we consequently consider it a work that ought to be widely read, for the wholesomeness of its tone, if not for the description of the country through which the campers travel. There are eight illustrations, and the binding is first class.

An Entertaining Book.

The "Daily Chronicle."—This brightly-written and entertaining book, is an account of the experiences and adventures of a family, camping out for the summer on the shores of Boundry Bay, on the British Columbia littoral otherwise, on the "Coast," which is short for Pacific Coast. In the course of Miss Herring's story, the reader is introduced to all the prominent features which are characteristic of British Columbia (with the exception of its mines and mining), such as ranching, dairying, and fruit farming, while across her pages there passes a procession of figures, also characteristic of the province—salmon catchers and canners, Indians and Chinamen, settlers loafers, railwaymen and surveyers, and so on. The style of the writer is simple and pleasing.

A Splendid Work.

The "Shooting Times."—Our cousins who dwell on the other side of the broad Atlantic, both in the United States and Canada, are very fond of spending a holiday in camp during the summer months. In some of these camp gatherings, preparations foa comfort, etc., are made on a very elaborate scale. In the volume now on review, the author grayhically describes an outing in the wilds of British Columbia, somewhere in the neighborhood of the Fraser river delta.

No doubt our lady friends at home will be glad to learn how the fair sex of Canada, enjoy a sojourn for a time in the forests of the Far, Far West. It is a pity that, during the summer months, our youths and lasses of Old England, do not enter into camp and try a little roughing it. The life is healthy, and, for those who are not weakly, most enjoyable. By its perusal, our young people of the United Kingdom can certainly pick up a wrinkle in camping-out.

A Delightfnl Tale.

The "Imperial Newsagent."—A delightful tale of a domestic "Camp-out," told with great spirit. It is out of the usual run of books altogether, and is as fresh as the open-air.

A Very Amusing Story.

The "Western Morning News".—This story brings to mind the days of Arcady; it is obviously written from first-hand knowledge, and many of the scenes and episodes described, must have really happened. Camp life in British Columbia, must be one of life's little ideals that many dream of, but few realize. In England, a few volunteers or an occasional party of young fellows are all that ever try life, under canvas, but in Canada, whole families seem to migrate to the seashore, and establish a regular canvas town. That the life described in these pages is healthy, there can be no doubt, and equally little, that it is happy—such a life must be a paradise for young and old. The illustrations are from photographs of actual scenes, and lend realism to the story. It is amusing to notice that the "servant question," seems quite an institution, even in the Far West, and that it has been satisfactorily solved to our particular campers, by the engagement of a Chinese, who causes "strained relations" between them and the American police—always on the look-out, to prevent Chinese immigration to the States. Altogether, this is an intersting description of a form of life, practically unknown on this side of the Atlantic.

A Charming Book.

The "County Gentleman."—

This is a charming book, written in a fresh, unconventional, unsophisticated style, quite free from affectation, and full of interesting and picturesque, though not unduly florid, passages of word-painting and description. The authoress has couched her work in the form of a semi-domestic narrative, purporting to detail, the experiences of the Le Ford family, whilst camping out at Boundary Bay, on the United States frontier, near New Westminster in British Columbia. Miss Herring has certainly endowed with vitality Mr. Le Ford, of Anglo-Canadian parentage, his ailing wife, of German extraction, their twin elder daughters, Bess and Josie, the various younger members of the family, their Chinese servant Ke Tan, their English friends Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth, and the latter's widowed cousin, Tom Templeton, who saves two of the children from being caught by the tide, and eventually marries Bess, Josie falling to the lot of a young clergyman from New Westminsner, Mr. Wilbert. We should also mention Templeton's little daughter Dolly, whose mother, Nanette, had been a rancher's half-breed child, and that is all of Miss

Herring's story that we need trouble about. The authoress's manner is delightfully spontaneous, and even the most trivial incidents of the camping-out life are made interesting and pleasant to read about. The descriptions of scenery, though, as already noted, not overdone, are graphic enough and often felicitously phrased, and the book abounds, with pages of obviously first-hand observation. In this connection, we should note particularly the account of the fishing by means of scows (113-115), and the detailed narrative, of a visit to the Canneries (223 226), whilst some curious facts are given, concerning Indian squaws seen in the neighbourhood; and there are a few bear and riding stories, besides two or three episopes that almost border on the sensational or melo-dramatic. The book contains eight, full-page illustrations, apparently taken from photographs, depicting some of the Indians, and the fishing processes already mentioned. Miss Frances Herring wields so fresh and vigorous a pen that other work, whether quasi-fiction or in essay or travel form, may be expected from her. "Canadian Camp Life" is too good to be "a first and last appearance" on her part

A Very Companionable Book.

The "Nottingham Guardian."—"Canadian Camp Life," is a pleasantly written description of a few weeks spent under canvas for health's sake on the shores of Boundary Bay, near Vancouver. The story contains a good deal of matter about the Indians, who live in the neighborhood, the scenery is well described, and there are not wanting adventures, to give a spice of excitement to a very enjoyable way of getting the benefit of the open air cure. To English readers, the descripton of an ingenious method of catching salmon by means of a huge net and trap, will be found very interesting. The net is staked along the course followed by the salmon, as they make for the fresh water, and so arranged that once inside its boundaries, the fish are forced into a comparatively shallow pool, where they are easily scooped up. Twenty-five thousand fish at a haul is not a bad catch. An account is also given of the process of canning. An element of humour is introduced into the sketch, in the person of Ke Tan, the Chinese cook and man-of-all-work. Young people will find the book a very companionable one.

Camp-life in Canada.

The "Lady's Pictorial.—A camp in Canada, is an agreeable change (on paper) from London.

A Pleasantly Written Narrative.

The "Dublin Daily Express.—Those who wish to learn how life is often lived, and something about the general aspects of nature in the Dominion, will find much to interest them in "Canadian Camp Life." It is a pleasantly written narrative of the way in which a family party from the town of Westminster, passed the time while camping out for a holiday undertaken in the interest of one of their number, an invalid. There is a good deal of dialogue in the book which, however, though not wholly devoid of plot, suggests rather a simple record of each day's experiences, a sort of magnified diary. The reader is introduced to several Red Indians, and some of their customs are painstakingly described. The book is nicely printed on good paper, and contains eight excellent reproductions of photographs. The outer cover, representing a snow-clad mountain-side, with a dark background of firs, is an effective bit of colouring.

Always Interesting.

Aberdeen Free Pree.—"It is always interesting to be told how men and women live, what are the conditions of their life, how they toil and work, and how they bear themselves towards the circumstances of their lot. It is almost as interesting to be told of the recreations of men and women, and whether they take their pleasures sadly as an Englishman is proverbially said to do.

All the more pleasant is the tale of human life, if it takes the reader into new scenes and conditions of our owu life. Canadian camp life has many sources of interest. It takes us into a new country, and brings us into the midst of beautiful scenery and of interesting people. We are interested also in observing the change of attitude of character and of manner wrought on our countrymen, when they are brought into a new environment, and have to learn how to adapt themselves to it. Perhaps the author did not intend to set forth the differences between Canadians and the people of the old country, but she has done so notwithstanding.

She lets us see the Canadian at work and at play, and we can see for ourselves, what the differences are. Altogether, it is a very clever work.

These two following Books are in the hands of the publishers, and will be announced shortly, viz.—

In the Pathless West—with Soldiers, Miners, Pioneers and Savages. A story of earliest pioneer life, on the Pacific Coast.

Among the Red, Yellow, Brown and White People of British Columbia (Illustrated). A story of the present day, descriptive of the Canneries, Fisheries, and different Industries of the Pacific Coast. Including the Indians, Chinese, Japanese and Whites. just issued —